

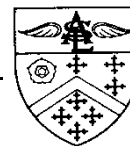
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School Newsletter

A message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to a new school year - it was great to see everyone back at school after the summer holidays.

I'd like to extend a particular welcome to families that are new to our school and to the first group of new Reception children who joined us this week.

We have a number of staff changes this year. We welcome Ms Looby who is class teacher in year 5 and Mrs Elie (formerly Miss Fleming) who is our new Parent Support Adviser.

Miss Nazim, our School Business Manager is leaving us for pastures new. I am sure that you will all join me in thanking her for all of her hard work and dedication and wish her well in the future.

Words of Encouragement

The words of encouragement for this week are found in Jeremiah 29:11.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

At the beginning of a new academic year we look forward with hope, trusting in God to help us all to achieve our potential and to guide us.

The death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

As you will no doubt be aware, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away yesterday. The country has entered a period of national mourning and there may be changes announced by Government. We will keep you up to date with any changes which affect our children as soon as we are aware of them.

Today the children had a special assembly where we looked back upon, and gave thanks for the life of the late Queen and prayed for King Charles III.

Please talk to your children about this historic event and the life of the Queen and keep her family and the Nation in your prayers at this time.

Uniform

Most children have come back to school looking very smart in full uniform. Please be aware that children should wear:

- grey trousers or skirt
- a white polo shirt
- a navy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- grey or white socks
- all black shoes or trainers.
- a blue a white checked summer dress is also acceptable.

On PE Days children should come to school in:

- navy blue jogging bottoms or shorts



- a white t shirt
- all black trainers or plimsols.

We recognise that finances are stretched for many families so it is not necessary for items of clothing to be a particular brand or have a logo on them. Generic supermarket school uniform is perfectly acceptable so long as it is the correct colour. This should help keep costs down.

Please make sure that you put names on your child's clothes and periodically check it has not washed off during laundering.

For further details about school uniform please refer to our school website.

Times of the school day

The gates open at 8.30am for a soft start to the day. Lessons begin at 8.50am and children should be in class and seated ready to begin learning at this time. Gates are locked by 9am and any children arriving after this time must report to the school office.

The school day finishes at 3.15pm and gates will be opened a few minutes beforehand to allow parents into the playground.

It is essential that children arrive on time for their lessons to begin in the morning so they make the very most of their learning time. Office staff will follow up any regular latecomers.

Similarly it is very unsettling for children to be collected late in the afternoon. If you are unable to collect your child at 3.15pm please make childcare arrangements. Please note that we have an After School Club here onsite run by a company called Blue Bears. Contact details for Blue Bears can be found on our website.

Edible Garden

You may have noticed that we have some work going on in the corner of our school field. We were fortunate enough to receive funding from "Trees for cities" who are in the process of constructing a garden and outside classroom where children can learn all about growing fruit and vegetables and enjoy eating the produce we grow.

Nursery garden works

You also may have noticed that the fencing in the nursery garden is being replaced in the first phase of the regeneration of the Nursery Garden. Outside activities for nursery children are taking place in the Reception playground until the work is complete and access to Nursery is through the main school playground. Please refer to communication from the Nursery for further details.

Absence

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please call the school and leave a message clearly stating your child's name, class and reason for absence. If you do not call the office to report your child's illness you will be called by a member of the office staff as part of our safeguarding procedures.

Please be aware that persistent or regular absence will be followed up by our attendance officer and that we only allow absence during term time for exceptional circumstances.

Please note that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not come back to school until 48 hours after the last episode.

Parentpay

As you will be aware we are a cashless school and all items are paid via Parentpay. Please make sure that your Parentpay account has enough credit for school dinners and breakfast club at all times and make sure that all other payments are made via this system. If you have issues with setting up Parentpay account or operating it, please go to the school office where one of the staff will be happy to assist you.



I have instructed the school office staff to contact any parent running up a debt, even a small one, as this situation can often escalate without parents realising. Please make sure that if you are contacted by the office staff you are polite and speak to them with respect.

Maintenance

Families of all children who come to a Church of England school must pay a maintenance fee annually. This payment is paid to the London Diocese who own our school buildings and it is for the maintenance of the site. If enough payments are not made we are required to supplement from our school budget and this means we have even less to spend on our children. We have kept our maintenance fee as low as possible and again this year it is £36 per child. Please make sure that you pay this as soon as possible via Parentpay.

Secondary transfer

Please be aware that children from Year 6 have brought home a booklet detailing information about secondary school applications. There is a meeting for year 6 parents about the process at 5pm on Thurs 15th Sept via zoom. You will be sent a link nearer the time. Please make sure that you log onto the meeting at 5pm promptly with microphones muted.

Charters

Your children may have come home and told you about our new dining room charter. This is one of a number of charters that we have introduced to ensure that children are fully aware of expectations in all areas of school life and that there is consistency of expectation across the school.

We introduced our dining room charter in the first week back and it has already meant that children have a much improved lunchtime experience, are eating in a calm sociable way with their friends and less food is being wasted.

We will share the charters with you in the coming weeks and we would be grateful if you would read them through with your child and ensure that they understand what is expected of them.

World Afro Hair Day

We at Latymer All Saints are off to a fantastic start to the year so a BIG well done to all of our kids. Along with our amazing curriculum, we aim to make all of our events just as amazing, each one being bigger and better than the previous. So, what do we have coming up?



Next Thursday is World Afro Day. This is the 6th year of this worldwide celebration of afro hair, where afro hair is not only celebrated for its versatility, but, more importantly, it is shown to be acceptable in its natural state.

We will be joining the Big Hair Assembly with thousands of other schools across the world, LIVE at 1:30pm. Join us by clicking on the following link and registering. [https://www.worldafroday.com/the-little-](https://www.worldafroday.com/the-little-big-hair-assembly-2022)

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We know from previous years that you can create some incredible hairstyles and haircuts. For this reason, we leave the creative hairstyling until Black History Month in October where you will have 3 weeks to be as elaborate as you like. Watch out for more exciting news about BHM. In the meantime, remember to register on the link above. We will also like to take the opportunity to invite you to join our parents, families and staff association where you will be involved in creating, setting up and running of future events. If you have any ideas or would be interested in joining us, please speak to Miss Bacchus or Mrs Elie.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Black History Team



Relaunch of our PFSA

The Covid pandemic has meant that parents have been less involved in our school and we have decided to relaunch as the Parent, Families and Staff association.

We would like you to get more involved and find out more by attending our Annual AGM in the junior hall at 3.30pm on Friday 23rd September. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible on that day.

Dates for your diary

Please make sure you check these dates regularly as additional events may be added.

Thursday 15th Sept: 5pm Year 6 Secondary transfer Zoom
Friday 23rd Sept: 3.30pm PSFA AGM Junior hall
Tuesday 27th Sept: Individual school photographs
Wednesday 5th Oct: Black History Month event (more details to follow)
Wednesday 19th Oct: Parent teacher meetings. No children in school.
Friday 21st Oct: Break for half term at 3.15pm
Monday 31st Oct: Children return from half term
Friday 16th Dec: Break for Christmas holiday at 1.30pm

If you have any queries about information in the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact school via the office or to ask one of the staff team in the playground at the beginning and end of the day.

Best wishes

Katy Brennan

Head teacher

In our school we love deeply, respecting everyone and treating them with dignity;
we aspire with confidence, working hard and embracing challenge and
we serve God and the community, following the example of Jesus, to create a better world.

Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

“Live a life of love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us”

